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~ Egao no Tameni ~

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HIS WORDS...
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS... THAT YOU ENJOY THE TIME THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE TOLD THE OTHERS THAT I WAS A YEAR OLDER!
I FEEL SO BETRAYED!
MADE ME FEEL REALLY HAPPY.

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MORNING!
HEY!
WHAT?
HARUKA-CHAN HAS MISUNDERSTOOD THE WHOLE SITUATION
I HEARD FROM THE OTHERS THAT HARUKA-CHAN AND ONO-KUN HAD A FIGHT.
SO I ASKED ONO-KUN WHY.
EVERYONE KNOWS THAT HARUKA'S A YEAR OLDER...
BUT IT WASN'T BECAUSE OF ONO-KUN.
BUT IF IT WASN'T ONO-KUN,
THEN HOW ELSE DID THEY FIND OUT?
THAT'S...

WHEN DID THAT HAPPEN?
NOT LONG AFTER HARUKA-CHAN BECAME THE MANAGER OF THE BASEBALL CLUB.
WHEN WE WENT HOME TOGETHER, WE MET HIM AND HE TOLD US ALL OUT HARUKA-CHAN.
MAMORU-SENPAI HAS A FRIEND WHO GOES TO HARUKA-CHAN'S OLD SCHOOL.
WHAT?!
IT WAS PROBABLY MY FAULT.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO TELL THE OTHERS ABOUT IT, BUT I MIGHT HAVE ACCIDENTALLY LET IT SLIP.
HARUKA-CHAN IS SO RELIABLE. IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE'S OLDER THAN US.
JUST LIKE THAT.
BUT THAT MEANS.
THAT'S TRUE.
HARUNA KNEW RIGHT FROM THE START.

EVERYONE, ME INCLUDED...
KNOWS THAT HARUKA-CHAN IS A YEAR OLDER, BUT WE DIDN'T DELIBERATELY HIDE IT FROM YOU.
WE JUST THOUGHT THAT IT WAS IRRELEVANT, SO IT WASN'T NECESSARY TO TELL YOU THAT WE KNEW
I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE SO CONCERNED ABOUT IT.
THAT'S NOT LIKE HARUKA-CHAN.
I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU'RE OLDER OR YOUNGER.
HARUKA-CHAN IS HARUKA-CHAN.
HARUNA...
IT WASN'T LIKE ME, WAS IT?

BUT SOMETIMES I GET UPSET.
AND WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I NEED SOMEONE TO CHEER ME UP.
THANK YOU.
YOU JUST CHEERED ME UP.

YOU'VE BROKEN OUR PROMISE.
BUT..
THAT MEANS... I DON'T HAVE TO BE MANAGER ANY LONGER, DO I?
IF I'M NOT IN THE CLUB, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO AND I FEEL EMPTY.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
EVERYONE WILL BE PRACTICING.
THAT'S WHAT I SAID TO ONO-KUN.
WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO HIM NOW IF I GO BACK TO THE CLUB?
IT'S SO CONFUSING.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. I'VE BEEN AVOIDING HIM ALL DAY LONG, BUT..
I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE MIS-UNDER-STANDING...
AH
THAT'S NOT RIGHT!
I WON'T APOLO-GIZE!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
HUH? WHAT DID I JUST SAY?

BUT...
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, LET'S JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
THAT'S ..
IN ANY CASE, I'LL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. YOU THINK THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT YOU, RIGHT?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THIS ISN'T OVER YET. I HAVEN'T APOLOGIZED!
YOU'D REFUSE TO LISTEN, SINCE YOU'RE SO STUBBORN.
EVEN THOUGH I EXPLAINED IT TO YOU THAT DAY,
UGLY
AT THAT TIME...
YOUR FACE WAS SO UGLY...
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU. I SAW YOUR BACKPACK WAS HERE.
I'VE SCHEDULED ANOTHER MATCH
EH?

I'LL LET YOU QUIT FROM THE BASEBALL CLUB.
WE'LL WIN AND ..
I WILL BE THE PITCHER...
!
FOR THAT MATCH.
QUIT, AND CHOOSE ANOTHER CLUB, DEAL?
IF YOU HADN'T COME TO THIS SCHOOL, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE MET THEM, RIGHT?
THAT WAY, YOU'LL MAKE LOT OF FRIENDS.

IF YOU HAD FRIENDS,
THE THREE YEARS THAT YOU EXPECT TO BE UNBEARABLE,
WOULD BECOME THE BEST TIME OF YOUR LIFE.
LET'S GO PRACTICE WILL BE OVER SOON.
I NEVER KNEW...
THAT ONO-KUN GENUINELY CARES FOR ME.

YOU WERE FIGHTING YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
IS IT OVER NOW?
IT IS, IT IS!
LOOK! WE'RE FRIENDS AGAIN.
HARUKA-CHAN!
ONO!
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU TWO.
THANK GOOD-NESS
You all have to be careful! Don't make Haruka-chan angry! She's dangerous.
That's true, hahaha!

THEY...
ARE FRIENDS I WOULDN'T HAVE MET IF I HADN'T REPEATED THE 10TH GRADE...
SOB
THEY WON'T TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENT,
WHETHER THEY KNOW I'M A YEAR OLDER, OR NOT.
EVERYONE... IS ACTING LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED.

A JUNIOR UNION BASEBALL TEAM?
BASE-BALL CLUB
THEY'RE OUR NEXT OPPO-NENT?
YES.
I ORGANIZED THE MATCH WITH ICHIKO, THE RICE MAKER'S SON
DON'T WORRY. THEY'RE JUST A BUNCH OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS

I WANT TO TREASURE THIS MOMENT.

DON'T TELL ME... YOU PURPOSELY SET THIS UP SO WE COULD WIN FOR THE FIRST TIME?
I DID.
YOU ALL UNDERSTAND WHAT'LL HAPPEN...
IF WE LOSE TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS, DON'T YOU?
JEEZ, ONO.
NO MATTER HOW WEAK WE ARE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO LOSE!
WAIT A SEC!
I HEARD THAT MOST OF THE JUNIOR UNION BASEBALL TEAM'S MEMBERS...
HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE.
ONO, DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT?
NOPE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW? IF WE LOSE, WE'LL BE THE LAUGHING STOCK OF THE WHOLE TOWN
AND THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS WOULD DEFINITELY LAUGH AT US.

WHAT YOU GUYS LACK IS...
THE DESIRE TO WIN A MATCH!

WHAT'S WITH THAT LITTLE LEAGUE?!
WILL-POWER!
BRAVERY!
SINCER-ITY!
IF WE DON'T WIN, IT WILL BE SO EMBARRASS-ING!
THEY'RE JUST ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS, THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF!

AND TO THINK THAT I WAS JUST HEART-BROKEN BY MIKI-KUN..
I...
IF WE WIN THE MATCH, I WILL HAVE TO QUIT AS A MANAGER.
WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO SEE THAT SMILE AGAIN AFTER SCHOOL.
I DON'T WANT TO QUIT.

I WANT TO SEE
HIS SMILE...
FOREVER.
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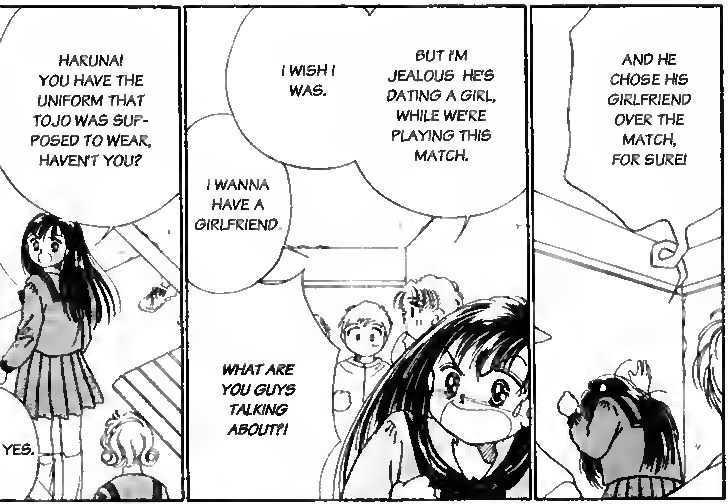
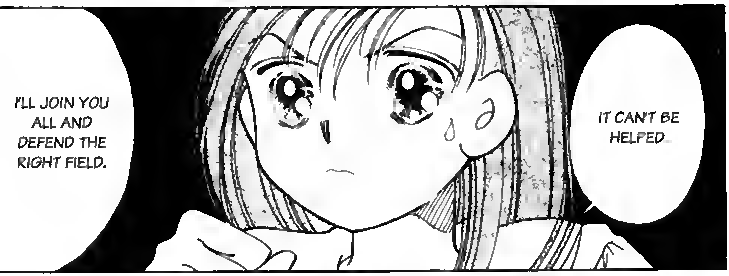
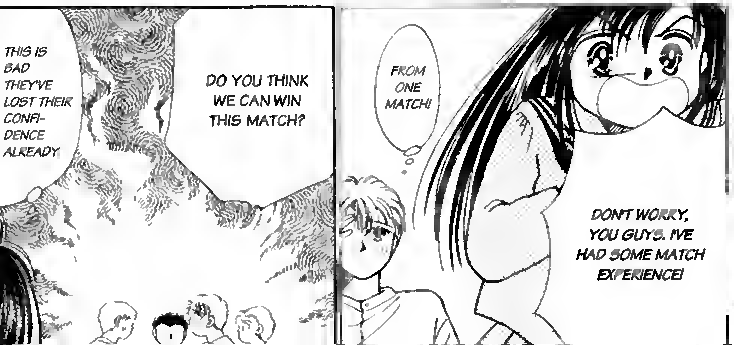
WHAT DID YOU SAY?! TOJO ISN'T HERE YET?!
FIGHT, ICHIRO!
Haruka-chan, we came to support you!
I CALLED AT HIS HOUSE EARLIER, BUT HIS MOTHER SAID THAT HE WASN'T HOME,
BECAUSE HE WAS DATING
WAIT A SEC! WHAT DATE IS IT TODAY?
JULY 3RD. WHAT'S WRONG?
THIS IS BAD!
TODAY IS YUMI-CHAN'S BIRTHDAY! SHE'S HIS TRUE GIRL-FRIEND!


HARUNA! YOU HAVE THE UNIFORM THAT TOJO WAS SUPPOSED TO WEAR, HAVEN'T YOU?
YES.
I WISH I WAS.
BUT I'M JEALOUS. HE'S DATING A GIRL, WHILE WE'RE PLAYING THIS MATCH.
I WANNA HAVE A GIRLFRIEND.
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?!
AND HE CHOSE HIS GIRLFRIEND OVER THE MATCH, FOR SURE!


I'LL JOIN YOU ALL AND DEFEND THE RIGHT FIELD.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.


THIS IS BAD. THEY'VE LOST THEIR CONFIDENCE ALREADY.
DO YOU THINK WE CAN WIN THIS MATCH?
FROM ONE MATCH!
DON'T WORRY, YOU GUYS. I'VE HAD SOME MATCH EXPERIENCE!

RE... REALLY?
I'M SERIOUS.
KYAAA! MAMORU-SENPAI, PLEASE DON'T MAKE A HOMERUN!
YOU'RE ALL JEALOUS OF TOJO, RIGHT?
ANYONE WHO MAKES A HOMERUN IN THIS MATCH ..
CAN DATE ME AFTERWARDS
PLAY BALL!

STRIKE!
DAT...
DATE!
DATE!
ARE THEY REALLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLERS?!
THAT KID IS FAST!
RIGHT?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, PITCHER!
I'LL SAY ANYTHING IF IT WILL HELP US WIN.
A DATE FOR ANYONE WHO CAN MAKE A HOMERUN. WHAT A DEAL YOU MADE THERE.
EVEN THOUGH I CAN TRUST YOUR DEFENDING ABILITY, IF WE CAN'T HIT THE BALL, WE WON'T WIN THE MATCH.

JUNIOR
UNION
YAMABUKI

HARUKA-CHAN.
IF WE WIN THIS MATCH, ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO QUIT?
YES.
ONO-KUN SAID THAT I SHOULD JOIN A CLUB I WAS INTERESTED IN.
THEREFORE...
STRIKE! BATTER OUT!
I'LL BE THE BASEBALL TEAM MANAGER AGAIN!
ONO-KUN!

IF WE WIN THIS MATCH,
YOU'LL HAVE TO TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO SAY BEFORE, OKAY?
I'VE ENJOYED MY LIFE SO MUCH MORE EVER SINCE YOU ASKED ME TO JOIN THIS CLUB.
THANK YOU SO MUCH
ALSO..

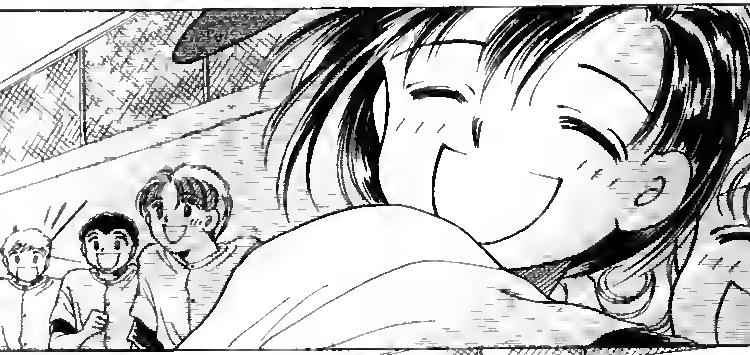
I...
YOU HAVE TO MAKE A HOMERUN!
WANT YOU TO MAKE A HOMERUN!

Y
THERE WAS A GIRL IN MY CLASS WHO ALWAYS LOOKED BORED.
SHE STOOD OUT FROM THE CROWD

I THOUGHT THAT..
IF SHE PLAYED BASEBALL, SHE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ALL HER PROBLEMS.

AND FINALLY...

I WANT TO SEE
HARUKA-CHAN'S
SMILE.



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